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1st Amended Responsive Amendment

Application Serial No. 10/789,698

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In re: Patent Application of)
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App. Ser. No. 10/789,698)
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to an office communication concerning a noncompliant amendment dated 11/22/06, which was directed to the wrong party and only received by the undersigned counsel of record in the month of January, Applicant respectfully submits this 1st amended responsive amendment correcting any deficiencies. The original amendment was responsive to an office action mailed August 1, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire November 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. Currently, because of

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confusion on the file relating to transition to patent counsel, it is not clear whether any fees may be owed on the application, however, if any such fees are owed, applicant requests an indication of the amount so they may be paid with a suitable authorization. Applicant does not believe that any fees are currently owed.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 12 of this paper.

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